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My Dear Son,

We were somewhat surprised to get a letter from you from St. *Lois* but I have been satisfied in my own mind that you was either out of health more than usual or that business *didnt* proper with you or we should hear from you oftener. I do sincerely hope and pray that you may *recieve* great benefit from the use of that water.

If it proves a lasting cure it is a great thing. If does you any good I would give it a fair trial.

Your father is on the point of selling that lot beside of Henry for nine hundred and fifty dollars, I hope he won't sell it, I had rather he would build on it for [?] and sell this as he is not satisfied with this you know that he is always talking of altering it, I don't like to have him do it as it will be an old house when he gets it done.

Harry wife has got a nice baby boy five weeks old Sunday. It weighs now ~~13~~ thirteen pounds they think it just might and it is.

Ellen and Charly have gone to Utica to day to buy *thim* things for housekeeping, their house is about completed, they are as pleased as two little children to think they are agoing to i[?]ly themselves.

Mr. Will[?] was married to his second wife yesterday at letters(?) Fall. We were invited and Henry and I [?] but *didnt* go I *didnt* want to *goe* and Henry said he *didnt* feel able to *goe* as he wanted to [?] to Leonardville last Saturday and made a [?] they heard then that you was agoing to be married and who it was but of *coarse* we don't believe [?] them we does. Matilda H. John was married four weeks *agoe*. Well I must be done, my dinner is cooking and it is almost noon.

Write soon as we shall feel very *anscious* to hear how you are getting along.

With love to all

From your aff. Mother